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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

In response to the Advisory Action of October 29, 2003 indicating that the Request for Reconsideration, Amendment and Remarks filed October 15, 2003 would not be entered because new issues for consideration and search were raised therein, applicants hereby submit this RCE. This RCE, in its Amendment and Remarks, corresponds exactly to the prior filing of October 15, 2003. This filing is timely, and the \$385 fee therefor is enclosed herewith. If any additional fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account no. 07-1732.